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Friday



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Saturday



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Sunday



Hi 30°
Lo 29°



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Carmeuse launches new Kentucky website

Carmeuse Lime & Stone announced it has launched a new website focused on its Kentucky operations and the company's involvement in the local communities where these operations are located.

The website, www.carmeuseky.com, is part of the Carmeuse Community Cornerstone-KY program, which is designed to inform and engage people about the compa-

ny, its products, and the contributions the company makes to the Kentucky communities where it operates limestone mines and lime-manufacturing facilities.

Carmeuse, a leading producer of limestone and lime products, has underground limestone mines and lime-manufacturing facilities along the Ohio River in both Maysville and Pendleton Co.

2012 In Review

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The Bracken County News is featuring their "Year In Review" in this issue, proudly sponsored by several of our local advertisers. Feature stories from each week of 2012 are highlighted in the "Year In Review". Take a moment to remember the many events our county has experienced this past year.

White Christmas parade a family affair in Augusta



The 2012 Augusta "White Christmas" parade was on Saturday, December 15th with a nice crispness to the air. The tradition of the parade has been for a family member of Rosemary's to be the grand marshal for the event. This year's Grand Marshal was Monista Ferrer, daughter of the late Rosemary Clooney and Jose Ferrer. She is shown above during the parade being escorted to the viewing stand by John Parker in his antique 1930 Ford Model A Roadster. Monista was born in California in October of 1958. She was the Ferrer's second daughter and fourth child together. She had three children with husband Terry Botwick.

After being greeted by parade Emcee Deborah Dixon of the Channel 12 news in Cincinnati, she was

ushered to the viewing stand and her seat of honor to watch this year's parade.

The parade included lighted floats, walkers, antique vehicles and of course every child's favorite, Santa Claus. The VFW Post 9535 again served as the honor guard. Other veterans followed them in Tommy Pickrell's Deuce and a half. Winners of the float contest were the Augusta Kiddie Kats cheerleaders, the Concord United Methodist Church, and the Augusta Art Guild.

Winners from the Gingerbread House contest were, in the children's area: 1st place - Mary Rita and Jesse Deiter with their "Train Station", 2nd place - RyAnn and Addison Cooper with their "Gingerbread Village", and 3rd place - Jackson Gaunce with his traditional "Gingerbread House".

Winners in the adult Gingerbread House contest were: 1st place - the Kirk family with their "Peppermint Station", 2nd place - Ada Zeidler with her gingerbread "Church", and 3rd place - "Noah's Ark", name was unavailable at time of press.

Cooper Clayton Smoking Classes begin Jan. 8th

What is your New Year's resolution? If smoking cessation is one of them then call the Bracken County Health Department to register for the Cooper Clayton classes.

Classes are set to begin on Tuesday, January 8th, 2013, here at the health department in the Education Room.

Cost of the classes is \$1.00 per class.

Nicotine lozenges will be available to purchase for \$10.00 per box, with a limit of 8 boxes. You must attend the classes in order to be able to purchase the lozenge.

The program will last for 13 weeks with classes being held on Tuesday evenings beginning at 5:30 pm and ending at 6:30 pm.

If you feel you will be better off as a non smoker, this class is for you!

This program works!! Call Donna at 606-735-2157 ext 225 to register and for more information. Call to register because class size is limited!

Students complete studies in State Registered Nurse Aide test



Students from the Mason Co. ATC Health Science Program recently completed studies for their State Registered Nurse Aide test. They had to pass a state exam that was a written and hands on performance exam. The new SRNA's are Hunter Kelsch, Tori Blevins, Shana Shields, Kelsey Hinson, Cory Childers. (Unavailable for picture was Kelsey Saylor).

Tax season is just around the corner

As tax preparers across the country are gearing up for busy tax time, local H & R Block franchise owner Maureen O'Neill is entering her 26th year serving Augusta and surrounding communities. She is ready to handle all your tax needs and will be open full-time beginning January 7, 2013.

Gathering all your documentation and receipts now ensures a less stressful and more productive meeting with your tax professional.

Mammography Screenings set for Fri., Jan. 4th

Mobile Mammography Screenings will be held at the Bracken Co. Extension Office on Fri., Jan. 4th from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The screenings are covered by Medicare, Medicaid, and most insurance companies under the following guidelines: Ages 35-40 Baseline Screening; Over 40 an Annual Screening.

No cost mammograms will be provided. Private insurances billed and all co-payment/out of pocket expenses will be paid for thanks to a generous grant from the Susan G. Komen For The Cure. To sign up call 859-655-7400.

Farm Service Agency donates to Mason County Food Bank



Pictured left to right are FSA employees: Sally Whalen, Kelli Rouse, Piety Brough, and Chuck Whitehead. Submitted The employees of the Farm Service Agency office in Maysville, along with the Bracken/Mason/Robertson FSA County Committee Members collected and donated over 125 pounds of food for the Mason County Food Bank, located at the First Christian Church in Maysville.

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Courthouse News

DISTRICT COURT

Court cases to be held on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 were all continued to Tuesday, January 15th due to a Judge scheduling conflict.

Due to how the Christmas and New Years holiday falls, there will not be court on December 25 or December 31. Court will resume on Tuesday, January 8, 2013.



Looking Back
Tabitha's Tidbits
Compiled by
The Bracken County
Historical Society

An Excerpt:

The Kentucky Post
January 1, 1921

Each citizen knows he has a more difficult year to face than that last year just ended. It is going to be more difficult because he is going to try to accomplish much more than he accomplished during the past twelve months.

He is greeting the New Year with a smile of confidence. He is sure of himself. He knows what he can do, because he has demonstrated that to himself during the past year.

Let the spirit of the New Year remain thruout every one of the 366 days that are

coming.

Why not awaken every morning with the feeling of "Happy New Year" in one's whole being?

Each day passed sees another day---a more difficult day---coming.

Let's greet each day with a smile, a shout and with a display of aggressiveness that will carry it before all obstacles. We will have a better northern Kentucky, a better Kentucky and, as spirit is contagious, who can tell how far that spirit may spread?

So dear readers...the happiest of **HAPPY NEW YEARS!**

From Our Files

50 years ago

December 27, 1962

Milton Walker, a former resident of the Germantown vicinity, died of a heart attack after a tree had fallen on him Friday afternoon. The accident happened on his farm near Lake Jackson, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Corby Cooke and son, Joey, of Elizabeth St. entertained with a Christmas dinner Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. McCarty of Buser Road, left Monday for a Christmas visit with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCarty and children.

BIRTHS: a daughter born to Mr and Mrs. Eugene Hay; Alexander Stephen McKinney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander King McKinney.

DEATHS: Mr. Charles W. Claypoole; Mr. Lisle W. Insko.

30 years ago

December 30, 1982

At about 10 p.m. on Christmas Day, Kentucky State Police and Bracken County Sheriff and deputies arrested James Dale Brown and Paul Keith Hill for attempted burglary of Reinheimer's grocery in Foster.

Anna C. Jefferson of the Neave community held the winning ticket to claim the country ham given away during the holidays by the Brooksville Police Department.

Two members of the Bracken County Polar Bears gained a berth on the All Tournament Team at last week's Lewis County Invitational Tournament. Senior center, Adam Engnes and guard, Tracey Florer were so honored.

DEATHS: Mrs. Florence High; Mrs. Dixie Marie Teegarden Slack.

10 years ago

January 3, 2003

Dale and Janie Appelman and their family received the second place award from Kentucky Farm Bureau President Sam Moore. They received the award for 2nd in the Outstanding Young Farm Family contest.

The Westerbeck family found each other after a 54 year separation. Theresa Burns and Jerry Westerbeck were reunited with their "baby" sister, (Thelma) Mary Ann Brenner for the best holiday celebration ever.

Students in Ms. Kelli Carmack's class at Bracken County High School recently entered an essay video contest sponsored by Fox 19 News and to their delight, were named the winner! Their video featured Adam Work performing Harlem Globetrotter tricks.

DEATHS: Mr. Earl T. Fields; Ms. Dolores "Dody: Jean Dammert; Mr. Edgar Bush.



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Residents of Kentucky can ring in the New Year with 10 free flowering trees by joining the Arbor Day Foundation any time during January 2013.

By becoming a part of the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation, new members will receive two white flowering dogwoods, two flowering crabapples, two Washington hawthorns, two American redbuds and two goldenrain-trees.

"These beautiful trees will give your home in Kentucky lovely flowers with pink, yellow and white colors," said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "These trees are perfect for large and small spaces, and they will provide food and habitat for songbirds."

The free trees are part of the Foundation's Trees for

America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between February 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch tall trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members will also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE FLOWERING TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31, 2013. Kentucky residents can also join online at arbor-day.org/january.



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Robertson County Farm Bureau receives 2012 Women's Gold Star Award of Excellence



Recognized for the achievements of its women's program this year, Robertson County Farm Bureau received the 2012 Gold Star Award of Excellence during Kentucky Farm Bureau's annual meeting in Louisville. The award honors county Women's Committees for active participation in leadership development programs, agricultural promotion, educational initiatives and numerous other aspects of support to the local Farm Bureau.

With nearly 500,000 member families statewide, Kentucky Farm Bureau is the state's largest general farm organization. Approximately 1,700 members attended KFB's 93rd annual meeting, December 5-8, to recognize this year's individual and organizational achievements as well as adopt policy for 2013. To view all the updates released from this year's annual meeting, visit KYFBNewsroom.com.

Above, Rosalee King (left), co-chair of the Robertson County Farm Bureau Women's Committee, accepts the 2012 Gold Star Award of Excellence from Phyllis Amyx, chair of the Kentucky Farm Bureau state Women's Committee (right). The award was presented during a December 7 recognition program at the 93rd Kentucky Farm Bureau annual meeting.

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by Cornelius R. Stam, Founder
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THE KINGDOM REIGN OF CHRIST

by Pastor Cornelius R. Stam

The *Kingdom Reign of Christ*, often called the Millennium, is, of course, still future, but even this dispensation will commence with a clear indication that our Lord's beneficent reign will not change the unregenerate heart. Man is still a failure.

This will be evident from the fact that to put the rebellion down our Lord will have to "break" the nations "with a rod of iron" and "dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel" (Psa.2:9). Indeed, He will have to "rule them with a rod of iron" (Rev.2:27). It is not strange, then, that we read in Revelation 20:7-9:

"And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

"And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

"And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them."

This final rebellion is followed by the casting of Satan and all unbelievers into the lake of fire and the bringing in of the new heavens and the new earth in which all the reconciled find their all in Christ (Rev. 20:10-21:1; Eph.1:9,10; Col. 1:19,20). It is interesting and instructive to see in the book of Revelation how the Lamb slain occupies the center of the glory of the universe. Not one saint from any age will ever boast of his own righteousness in that day. All will acknowledge their own unworthiness and proclaim the praises of the One who died that they might live and be justified and gloried. And even the unsaved and all demons and angels will acknowledge Jesus as Lord in that day. Because He humbled Himself and submitted Himself to "even the death of the cross... *God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name:*

"THAT AT THE NAME OF JESUS EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW, OF THINGS IN HEAVEN, AND THINGS IN EARTH, AND THINGS UNDER THE EARTH;

"AND THAT EVERY TONGUE SHOULD CONFESS THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD, TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER" (Phil.2:8-11).

Deaths

MRS. RUF

Paula Diane Ruf, 55 of Augusta, KY died Thursday, December 20, 2012. She was born December 18, 1957 to the late Milford Ferguson.

She is survived by her husband, Charles S. Ruf; two children, Brandy Strode of Maysville and Robin Shoemaker of Augusta; four step-children Patty Ruf of Dallas, TX, Diane Means, Wilma Miller, and Nancy Sayers, all of Springfield, OH; five grandchildren Raymond, Michael, Dustin, Jared, and Camden; and nine step-grandchildren.

Services were held Sunday, December 23, 2012, at Moore & Parker Funeral Home in Augusta.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Hope.

Condolences may be sent to mooreandparkerfh.com.

MRS. MOORE

Louella Mae Moore, 91, Robertson County, died Thursday, December 20 at the Robertson County Health Care Facility. Born April 25, 1921 in Robertson County to the late Roy B. and Stella Whaley Robertson, she was a guide for Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park for forty years and was a member of the Piqua Christian Church.

She is survived by a special friend, Donald Ruark, Robertson County; one sister, Deloris Dryden, Robertson County; one sister-in-law, Francis Robertson, Germantown; nieces and nephews, Diana Poe, Sandra (Emmitt) McConnell, Kevin Dryden, Sharon (James, Jr.) Sanders and Steve (Ida) Robertson; and numerous great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, William "Bill" Moore; two brothers, Julian Robertson and Logan Bell Robertson; and one uncle, Arthur Robertson.

Services were conducted Sunday, December 22, 2012, at Piqua Christian Church by Bro. Tom Mitchell. Burial followed in the Piqua Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may go to the Piqua Christian Church Cemetery Fund. Pallbearers were Keith Ellis, Owney Gifford, Jr., Larry Beckett, Frank Gifford, Kevin Dotson and James Michael McConnell. Honorary pallbearers were Kevin Dryden, Steve Robertson, Shawn Cracraft and Roger Pot, Jr.

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terment took place in the Lenoxburg Cemetery.

Pallbearers were William Gates, Eugene Gates, Jimmy Dale McCann, Brian McCann, Chad McCann, and Justin McCann. Honorary pallbearers were Tristan Knox, Jordan Herron, Jason Herron, and Donovan Knox.

Memorials are suggested to the charity of your choice.

Online condolences can be sent to the family at www.woodheadfuneralhome.com.

MRS. FULTZ



Betty Ann Sweet Fultz, 82, of Germantown passed away on Monday, December 17, 2012 at her home. Born in Springdale on September 10, 1930, a daughter of the late Ray and Opal Leming Cox, she was a homemaker and a member of Highland Christian Church.

Survivors include one son, John W. (Judy) Sweet, Jr. of Germantown; one daughter, Judith Ann (Jerry) McKee of May's Lick; three grandchildren, Christy Moyner, Jody Wells, and Jackie Riley; and six great-grandchildren, Saydie Graves, Tyler and Hali Wells, Cassidy & Brittney Riley and Payton Moyner. She was preceded in death by her husbands, John W. Sweet Sr. and Calvin Fultz; one daughter and son-in-law, Janice and Gene "Smitty" Smith; and one grandson, Timothy Lee Sweet.

Services were conducted Thursday, December 20, 2012, at Palmer Funeral Home in May's Lick with Rev. Bruce Heller officiating. Burial followed in the Green Acres Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Cancer Care Club, P.O. Box 189, Flemingsburg, KY 41041.

Condolences may be sent to www.palmerfuneralhome.net.

MR. ASKIN

Emmett Askin, 86, of Falmouth, KY, passed away on Monday, December 17, 2012, at St. Elizabeth Health Care in Edgewood, KY. Born on August 28, 1926 in Bracken County, KY, the son of the late Lawrence "Chess" and Ella Mae Johnson Askin, he was a carpenter. He married Celesta Louise Smith Askin, and his wife preceded him in death on June 8, 2000. He was a carpenter.

He is survived by two daughters, Crystal Abercrombie of Falmouth, KY and Cathy Davis of Warsaw, KY; three grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Celesta Louise Smith Askin; one son, Charles Askin; one sister, Hazel Golden; and one brother, Clarence Askin.

Woodhead Funeral Home, Falmouth, served the family and handled the final arrangements. Interment took place in the Riverside Cemetery, Falmouth.

Online condolences can be expressed at www.woodheadfuneralhome.com.

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(author unknown but this poem is a reflection of what Larry & Uncle Tom are saying to all of us!)

I see the countless Christmas trees, around the world below
With tiny lights, like heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow.

The sight is so spectacular. Please wipe away that tear,
For I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year!

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear.

But the sounds of music can't compare
with the Christmas choir up here!

For I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring.

For it is beyond description to hear an angel sing!

I can't tell you of the splendor or the peace here in this place.

Can you just imagine Christmas with our Savior, face to face?

I'll ask Him to lighten your Spirit as I tell Him of your love.

So then pray one for another as you lift your eyes above.

Please let your hearts be joyful, and let your spirit sing.

For I'm spending Christmas in heaven,
and I'm walking with the King!

Submitted in memory of:

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Announcements

Bracken Co. Courthouse will be closed Mon., Dec. 31 & Tues., Jan. 1 in observance of New Years.

St. James in Minerva will hold New Year's Eve Mass at 5 p.m. Mass will also be held every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Bracken County Board of Education will be closed Dec. 31 & Jan. 1.

Bracken FRYSC will be closed Jan. 1.

Bracken Co. Extension Office will be closed thru Jan. 1.

Scarlet O'Hatter's will have lunch at Bob Evans on Thurs., Jan. 3. Leave Brooksville 11:30 a.m.

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Howdy Folks! In a few days we will be welcoming in the New Year! Are you ready? We think a good slogan for the coming 365 days should be "Keep Bracken Clean in 2013"! According to the 2010 Census, Bracken County has 8,618 citizens and with everyone working toward the same goal, we can make it happen! As a community, we need to develop a strong sense of pride in our home and show the world that we LOVE our Bracken County homes! Let's roll up our sleeves and resolve to 'keep Bracken County clean in 2013'!

As many of you know, we recently had nine roll-offs in the county for folks to use for cleaning up around the farm and homes. Those nine roll-offs contained 48.1 tons of trash and unfortunately 39 tires. Mason County Landfill requires that tires not be put into the roll-offs because tires cannot be land filled and must be picked out of the trash once it is dumped in the landfill. We don't want tires in the dumpsters because we have to pay for them twice! Once as part of the overall weight of the roll-off and then again separate tire disposal fees, so those 39 tires cost \$56 in tire disposal fees, plus their weight in the tonnage fees! Sometime in the spring, the roll-offs will be brought back to use up the remaining \$4,600 of the initial \$7500 Grant obtained by Mrs. Donna Rath, Administrative Secretary for the Bracken County Soil Conservation District. Please follow the rules as set forth by the Mason County Landfill because that allows us to spend more on actual

trash! Recycling in Bracken County is going well, but again, not all residents recycle and we still struggle with the items thrown in the trailers for recycling. It looks like the total poundage of recycling material to the Mason County Recycling Center will be around 287,500 pounds for 2012. This number is down somewhat from 2011, but we hope to rebound next year. Since we became Solid Waste Coordinator for Bracken County in 2004, we have delivered 2,348,000 pounds of recycling to the center and everyone can give themselves a collective pat on the back for that! An excellent New Year's resolution would be to develop the good habit of recycling in the home and office!

This past year 173 miles of roads were cleaned by various non-profit groups in the county which expended the \$17,553 Litter Abatement Grant for 2012. A total of 644 bags of trash were picked up with roughly another 12,880 pounds being disposed. Just think about that! 12,880 pounds were picked up, one piece at a time! Sadly, many of the roadways that were just cleaned are already littered with cans, bottles and fast food bags! What if all those pieces of litter were left to accumulate over the years? Wouldn't that be a sad sight and how unhealthy for Mother Earth!

As the New Year rolls around, we always reflect on the past and contemplate the future. We can't bring back the past, or change it, but we can learn from the past and resolve to do better with the days that we have left! Like so many of you, our family was deeply saddened and forever changed by the death of a loved one, but we have learned to be grateful for the past and to live each day as the 'present' that God meant it to be! Blessings for the New Year as you RECYCLE, REUSE and REDUCE to keep God's earth clean, green and beautiful! Be seen' you - Bin & Bug.

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Church News

"Celebrating Christ 2012" at Helena United Methodist

Third Generation Gospel Trio will present "Celebrating Christ 2012" on Sunday, December 30 at 3:30 p.m. at Helena United Methodist Church, 6481 Helena Road, May's Lick. There will be a special surprise for all who attend! Dinner will be served after the service.

GREETINGS FROM ST. JAMES

by Caroline Jefferson

Mass for the Holy Day of Obligation for January 1, the Solemnity of Mary will be at 8 AM Tuesday at St. James and 10 AM at St. Augustine's. The Vigil Mass at St. Augustine's is on Monday evening, December 31 at 5:30 PM. With all that has happened in this country this century, it is quite fitting to usher in the New Year in church! For years many folks have seen fit to push God aside and escort Him from our schools and public gatherings, but when a tragedy such as the mass murder of little children occurs, these same folks ask 'where is God?'

As the New Year unfolds, let it find us renewed in a spirit of determination to bring God back to this country. This nation was founded on the belief and practice of the Ten Commandments and it is time that they be taught and put into practice. A teacher recently asked her students whose birthday we celebrate on Christmas and of the eighteen students, only two knew that it is Jesus' birthday! How sad! May God bless each of us as we progress into the year, dedicating and living each moment for His greater honor and glory!

St. James, Minerva, to hold Mass

St. James in Minerva will hold Mass on New Year's Eve at 5 p.m. Mass will also be held every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Count Your Blessings
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New Years Greetings from Our House to Yours!



As the year 2012 draws to a close, we want to take this time to tell you how much your generous friendship and support means to us. We pray that God's blessings will continue to surround you, and that you will have a happy & prosperous New Year!

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2012 In Review

January 5

Judicial Center taking shape as framework rises in Brooksville

As students were arriving in Brooksville for school on Tuesday, January 3, 2012, and before most had arrived at work, work had already started on the new Judicial Center. In the last couple of weeks of December 2011 the image of the new center began to rise from its concrete footprint as each piece of framework was moved into place.

Information sought in August theft case

The KY State Police is seeking information in a theft case dating back to August of 2011. On Saturday, August 13th between the hours of 7 and 11 p.m., two unknown persons, one male and one female, began using a credit and debit card at various locations in Falmouth and Maysville. Three of the largest transactions occurred at a Shell Station and a McDonald's in Falmouth, and the Wal-Mart in Maysville. The credit and debit card were taken from a purse that had been mislaid and left at the Brooksville Laundromat.

January 12

Cummins files suit against the City of Augusta

Former Augusta Police Chief Greg Cummins has filed a lawsuit against the City of Augusta and Mayor John Laycock over his termination of employment on Wednesday, December 7th after a special meeting of the Augusta City Council.

Sara Sticklen becomes ninth Lady Bear to score 1,000th point

With just over a minute to play in the 1st half of a road contest against Harrison County, Sara Sticklen caught a pass on the left block and turned for an 8-foot shot that just missed its mark. Not to be denied, the senior standout grabbed her own rebound in the paint, took two dribbles to the opposite block, and put up a shot that would secure her a lofty status in the annals of Bracken County Lady Bears basketball history.

January 19

Mary Ann Cooke honored as Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the Year"

The Bracken County Chamber of Commerce met on Wednesday evening, January 11th at the Bracken County Extension office. Mary Ann Cooke was honored as the Bracken County Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the Year". Perry Poe shared many of her civic activities throughout the years as well as family and career accomplishments.

Brittany Jefferson newest loan officer at FNB

First National Bank of Brooksville is pleased to introduce their newest loan officer, Brittany Jefferson. She is a 2007 graduate of Bracken County High School. Brittany graduated from Northern Kentucky University in May 2011 with degree in Finance and Business Administration.

January 26

Baker-Bird Winery receives Ag Credit AgGenius Award

The Baker-Bird Winery in Augusta was recently awarded the Ag Credit AgGenius Award for 2011 in the Wine Label and/or Packaging Category. The recognition was for the label design on their Ruby Hawke Rose Wine. Dionne Laycock was responsible for the design and shares in the prestige of the award.

General Store attempted burglary unsuccessful

According to reports by the Bracken Co. Sheriff's Office, the Augusta General Store was the scene of an attempted burglary last Wed., Jan., 18th around 4 a.m. After gaining entry through a window in the front door, the thief(ves) located a small amount of cash on the premises. It is suspected the thief(ves) were interrupted or spooked in the process of the burglary, causing a money bag to be left behind.

February 2

Jones appointed CEO of First National Bank of Brooksville

Jeffrey L. Jones was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the First National Bank of Brooksville effective January 28, 2012. Steve (Buddy) Hamilton, the CEO & President for the last 19 years, informed the Board a few years ago that he would like to step down as CEO in 2012.

Royalty crowned at AHS Homecoming

Homecoming ceremonies were held Friday, January 27 at the Augusta High School. The Freshmen Panthers played the Freshmen St. Patrick Saints and the Lady Panthers fell 49-52 to the Deming Lady Devils.

Crowned King and Queen during the evening were Clay Krebs and Becca Weiss. Crowned Prince and Princess were Caleb Hunt and Naomie Krebs.

February 9

5th Annual Shoot for a Cure, Huge Success!!

The 5th Annual Shoot for a Cure boys basketball game at Bracken County High School versus the Augusta Panthers was a huge success. They started out the night with the boy's Junior Varsity game. This was followed by a between game presentation by student Diane Poe, and a speech given by Cancer Care Club member, Karin Poe.

Local Volunteer Fire Depts benefit from Homemaker Organization donations

The Bracken County-Homemaker Organization was proud to present each of the county's three local volunteer fire departments with a check for \$100 each. Volunteer firefighters protect us, our families, our residents and our loved ones, and although one cannot put a dollar value on their worth, the Homemaker Organization donation is a small attempt to honor them and all they do.

February 16

Sheriff Niemeier announces Shout Out Box Program in schools

Sheriff Niemeier has announced that the Bracken County Sheriff's Office and the Kentucky Crime Prevention Coalition has partnered with the Bracken County School System to place Shout Out Boxes in all the schools. These boxes are designed to improve our school environment by providing them with the tools necessary to aid in their success.

Royalty crowned at BCHS Homecoming

Homecoming ceremonies were held Tuesday, February 7 at the Bracken County High School. The Lady Bears beat Nicholas County 51-28 and the Polar Bears beat Nicholas County 52-46.

Crowned King and Queen during the evening were Jarett Moore and Tyneisha Lippert. Crowned Prince and Princess were Hunter Boschert and Alyson Crawford.

February 23

Cummins alters lawsuit against City, Mayor of Augusta

Greg Cummins was in Bracken County Circuit Court on Thursday, February 16 in reference to his impending lawsuit against the City of Augusta and Mayor John Laycock.

In his response filed on the 14th, Cummins voluntarily withdrew count 3, official misconduct against Mayor Laycock.

Bracken County Schools receive KEEPS recognition award

The Bracken County Board of Education, along with Mr. Tony Johnson, Superintendent at Bracken, attended an awards ceremony on Friday, February 3rd, 2012 at the Yum Brands Center in Louisville to accept an award from the Kentucky Energy Efficiency Program for Schools (KEEPS). Bracken County was recognized for their outstanding work towards achieving energy efficiency.

March 1

Bracken Lady Bears hold off rally by Mason Lady Royals, repeat as 39th District Champs

For the second straight season the Bracken County Lady Bears cut down the nets as 39th District champions. Patrick Kelsch's squad turned back a furious 2nd half rally from Mason County and came away with a 58-55 victory before a packed house in Brooksville on Thursday night.

Cooper retires after 36 yrs. with First National Bank

After nearly 36 years of service, Brenda Cooper has retired as a Loan Officer at the First National Bank of Brooksville.

Arrests made in gun incident at BCHS game

On Tuesday, February 7, 2012, an arrest was made on a juvenile who had a handgun in his possession at the Bracken Co. High School during a basketball game.

Follow up investigation has resulted in charges being brought against one adult

March 8

Tornado, straight line winds rip through county last Friday

While many in the county were discussing how March was "coming in like a lamb" instead of a lion, Mother Nature proved she had much still in store for our winter weather. Friday's warm start set the scene for a tornado and straight line winds that would leave many in several states praying for lives lost



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and communities destroyed, while others were thankful their damage was not worse.

Augusta Independent Schools celebrates Dr. Seuss Week

On Monday, February 27, 2012, students in Kindergarten through sixth grade assembled in the school gym to kick off a week jam packed with Dr. Seuss related activities in honor of Dr. Seuss Week. Activities culminated on Friday with a celebration of Dr. Seuss' 108th birthday.

March 15

Day conviction reversed by KY Supreme Court

The Kentucky Supreme Court gave the following opinion on the appeal of Bradley Allen Day's, of Augusta, 2007 conviction sexual abuse, third degree. "Bradley Day received a three-year sentence following a jury conviction for sexual abuse, first degree. Because we find the trial court erred by telling the jury the penalty range for the lesser included offense during the guilt phase of trial, we reverse Day's conviction and remand for further proceedings.

Community, seniors benefit from Quarter Corner in Brooksville

In a time of economic hardship, everyone is trying to find ways to stretch their dollars. The Quarter Corner in Brooksville is proud to be able to offer a service to the community that in turn benefits the seniors of our community. Located at 110 Grandview Drive just outside Brooksville off Highway 10, the Quarter Corner has everything from clothing to knickknacks and household items.

March 22

"The Adventures of Lewis and Clark" portrayed by Taylor Elem. 5th graders

Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, along with other members of their expedition team, visited Taylor Elementary School two weeks ago. No, it wasn't THE Lewis and Clark, but members of the 5th grade class presenting their story in the musical "The Adventures of Lewis and Clark."

Bracken students join tornado cleanup efforts, learn valuable life lessons

Members of the Bracken County FFA and other community members joined the tornado relief effort in Crittenden, KY, on Wednesday, March 16. The students along with their advisor Jim Fields and some of their parents, took a day out of their Spring Break to travel to the farm of Tom and Roberta Stephenson and help with the removal of trees, concrete and other debris left from the tornado that devastated the area and many other areas of Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana on Friday, March 2.

March 29

AARP Kentucky Grandparent of the Year Essay Contest winners

Natalie Bell, a Taylor Elementary School 5th grader was the winner of the 2011-2012 Grandparent of the Year essay contest sponsored by the AARP Kentucky and the Kentucky Retired Teachers' Association. Katie Gilbert was the Augusta Independent School winner, writing about her grandmother, Sherry Cucchiara.

Perry Poe "Gavel and Giggles Roast and Toast"

The community (was) invited to the Perry Poe "Gavel and Giggles Roast and Toast" Sunday, April 1st at the Germantown Fire Department located at 70 Bridgeville Road in Germantown, KY.


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April 5

Hunter Branham winner in "Missing Easter Basket" Contest

Hunter Branham, a fourth grade student of Mrs. Thurman at Taylor Elementary, was the lucky winner in this year's search for the "Missing Easter Basket". Hunter and his Granny, Ann Branham, correctly searched and found all twelve baskets.

Money Order Scam hits citizens of Bracken County

The Bracken County Sheriff's Office has received several complaints within the last week in regards to a Money Order Scam. With this scam the recipient will usually receive a package from Federal Express or other express mailing option which contains money orders.

April 12

Mural dedication held to honor life of Makensie Hay-Youngman

A mural dedication to the life of Makensie Hay-Youngman was held on Saturday, April 7 at the Bracken County Public Library. Four ten-foot paintings, depicting the four seasons, were unveiled in the Children's Wing to a large crowd of Makensie's family, friends, and community members.

Jack enjoys Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Jack Thomas, 2 year old son of Nick and Kacee Thomas, posed sheepishly for a picture with the Easter Bunny before enjoying a breakfast of pancakes on Sat., April 7th at the Watson Building in Brooksville.

April 19

Wildlife Resources Class constructs and hangs wood duck boxes

The local Wildlife Resources class at Bracken County High School, in cooperation with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, constructed thirty wood duck boxes. Through donations from The Wetlands Foundation and local hardware store Miller Lumber, supplies were gathered and the boxes were assembled during their class.

Bracken Co. Autism Support Group donates iPad to Taylor Elementary

The Bracken County Autism Support Group recently donated an iPad to Taylor Elementary School at the April Board of Education Meeting. The iPad will be used in the Special Education classes and will benefit children with Autism and other disabilities or disorders. Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and autism are both general terms for a group of complex disorders of brain development.

April 26

Miller's Home Center to open in Brooksville

Recognizing the need for a hardware store in Brooksville, Miller Lumber Company in Augusta will be opening Miller's Home Center at 102 Woodward Avenue in Brooksville this week. General Manager Scott Miller is in the process of stocking, labeling and preparing the full line hardware store for its opening. While the grand opening will be held later in May, Miller is ready to test the waters and invites the community to stop in, look around and purchase items that will be helpful with their honey do lists, minor renovation projects and day to day upkeep of their home and business.

Biomass Feasibility Study

topic of recent meeting

The Bracken County Agriculture Advancement Council recently received a matching grant to conduct a feasibility study on the production and processing of Biomass as a green renewable energy.

May 3

Gordley to join Woodmen of the World in Fleming, Mason & Bracken

Jessica Gordley has joined Woodmen of the World as a Field Representative, effective Feb. 1, 2012.

Seniors crowned as Prom Royalty at AHS Saturday

The Augusta High School was transformed into a "The City That Never Sleeps" for the 2012 Junior Senior Prom this past Saturday, April 28. Crowned King and Queen were Clay Krebs and Becca Weiss. Clay is the son of Julie Lacey and Nick Krebs. Dalton Appelman and Shanice Lang were crowned Prince and Princess.

May 10

Mock prom disaster staged at Bracken County High School

On Friday afternoon, May 4th, every parents' nightmare played out on the football field at Bracken County High School. In an effort to stress the importance of good decisions, a mock prom disaster was staged by local police, fire, and EMS. When students arrived at the football stadium, they saw two vehicles covered by blue tarps.

2012 BCHS Prom Royalty Crowned

The Bracken County High School Prom was held this past Saturday evening, May 5th. Jordan Campbell and Christian Jones were crowned Prom King and Queen. Philip Jefferson and Jessica Edwards were crowned Prom Prince and Princess.

May 17

Moore, Krebs take top honors at AHS

Augusta High School is pleased to announce Corey Moore as Valedictorian and Clay Krebs as Salutatorian of the Class of 2012.

Bracken Co. Drama Club brings "Wizard of Oz" to life at BCMS

The Bracken County Drama Club presented the Wizard of Oz as their 6th annual production May 11-13. The students all did a wonderful job bringing the much loved characters in the Wizard of Oz to life for each and every audience.

May 24

Bracken County Sheriff's Office Makes Drug Busts

Bracken County drug activities took a large hit this past week as a countywide drug offense roundup was conducted. On Friday, May 18th, the Bracken County Sheriff's Office with officer support from Kentucky State Police, Pendleton County Sheriff's Office, Mason County Sheriff's Office, Buffalo Trace Drug Strike Force, Campbell County Detention Center, and Augusta and Brooksville Police Departments fanned out across the county to arrest those indicted on drug charges. They have currently arrested 18 individuals and two other individuals were already incarcerated for a total of 20 individuals at this time.

Bracken announces 2012 Valedictorians & Salutatorians

Bracken County High

School is proud to announce Kelly Elizabeth Jones and Cory Nolan Ramsey as the Co-Valedictorians and Sara Marie Sticklen and Victoria Marie Wiseman as the Co-Salutatorians for the Class of 2012.

May 31

Fiscal Court donates containment pools to county fire departments

The Bracken County Fiscal Court donated three 150 gallon liquid containment pools at the request of Bracken County Emergency Management. Each volunteer fire department in the county received one. The containment pools will be used to catch fuel spills to prevent soil and waterways from being contaminated by chemical solvents.

4th Annual Musical Tribute honors veterans, active servicemen

Saturday's memorial tribute to our veterans was well attended despite the heat and humidity. As always the Bracken County Alumni and Community Band did a tremendous job of entertaining the crowd while honoring our veterans and active servicemen and women with traditional patriotic music.

June 7

Bracken County Baseball captures 39th District Championship Title

The Bracken County High School baseball squad captured the 39th District Championship on Thursday, May 24 with a 3-0 shut out of Mason County. The teams remained scoreless heading into the final inning, where the Polar Bears put up three runs and held off all the Royals' advances in the bottom of the inning for the win.

Art, gardens, weather beautiful for annual "Art in the Garden"

For this the 12th year of "Art in the Garden", the cool 72 degree weather brought a steady stream of visitors to Riverside Drive in Augusta. At this year's event, over 70 booths displayed such treasures as jewelry, pottery, paintings, photography, works in wood and moss gardens along the lazy Ohio River. As adults enjoyed walking along the river looking at the many beautiful and unique items available, the children enjoyed being able to create their own masterpiece at this year's Children's Garden held near the end of Riverside Drive

June 14

Miller's Home Center holds Grand Opening in Brooksville

Miller's Home Center in Brooksville held their Grand Opening this past Saturday, June 9. Customers were treated to lunch and door prizes in the afternoon. Darryl "Doc" Emery fixed his famous ribs, pulled pork, and beef brisket, while Clark Hennessey manned the grill with hotdogs.

Gas prices staying consistent in Brooksville, close to national average

Phillip Sutton of Brooksville was in town on Friday, June 8th fueling his tractor at Poor Bob's. While gas prices fluctuate up and down weekly in Maysville and surrounding areas, prices in Brooksville have stayed consistent.

June 21

Perry and a few good friends . . .

Local auctioneer and businessman, Perry Poe, was honored on Saturday, June 16th, as over 200 customers, family members and friends gathered in the Woodmen Lodge in Germantown, KY to pay tribute to him for his "50 years" of service to Bracken County and surrounding areas as Perry L. Poe Real Es-

tate & Auctioneer.

2012 Bracken Co. Relay for Life raises \$25,000, donations continue

The Bracken County Relay For Life Rally was held this past Friday evening, June 15th at the Augusta Boat Dock. The evening was kicked off with remarks by the Relay Committee and introductions of the survivors participating this year. Each survivor present for the opening ceremony received a survivor medallion and sash, and a sash for their caregiver, that was presented by State Representative Mike Denham and his wife, Marg. The survivors briefly posed for a picture then made their way to the walking track for their victory lap.

June 28

Bradford Lawsuit Dismissed

A wrongful death lawsuit filed against police in the death of Robert Bradford has been dismissed by a federal judge. The lawsuit stems from the May 2009 shooting death of Robert Bradford at his Eden Ridge home near Foster by a Bracken County Sheriff's Deputy, Campbell County and Kentucky State Police officers.

Johnson retires as Bracken Co. Schools Superintendent

Bracken County Schools Superintendent Tony Johnson was honored on Monday, June 25th with a retirement reception at the Board Office meeting room. Mr. Johnson has amassed 34 years of service to children, parents and members of the community.

July 5

Teegarden sentenced for stealing from Social Security Administration

U.S. District Judge Danny C. Reeves sentenced 33-year-old Stacy Teegarden, of Brooksville, on Fri., June 29, to six months in prison for fraudulently obtaining Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. She was ordered to pay \$113,163.53 in restitution and a special assessment of \$100.

Print donated to Bracken County Library in memory of Allen King

Family members of the late Herbert Allen King, Jr., were present at the Bracken County Public Library on Friday, June 22, for a memorial print dedication in his honor. According to his mother, Karen King, Allen changed when he returned from serving in Desert Storm.

July 12

Aulick new Superintendent of Bracken County Schools

At their Monday, July 9th meeting, the Bracken County Board of Education announced their selection of Jeff Aulick as the new Superintendent. Mr. Aulick is a graduate of Harrison County High School.

Former Powersville tavern, home dismantled for move

The 1800's two story log structure (that served as the Powersville Christian Church parsonage) was originally a tavern owned and operated by Cassum Morford. The structure was recently dismantled and the logs sold for use in a private home in Pendleton County.

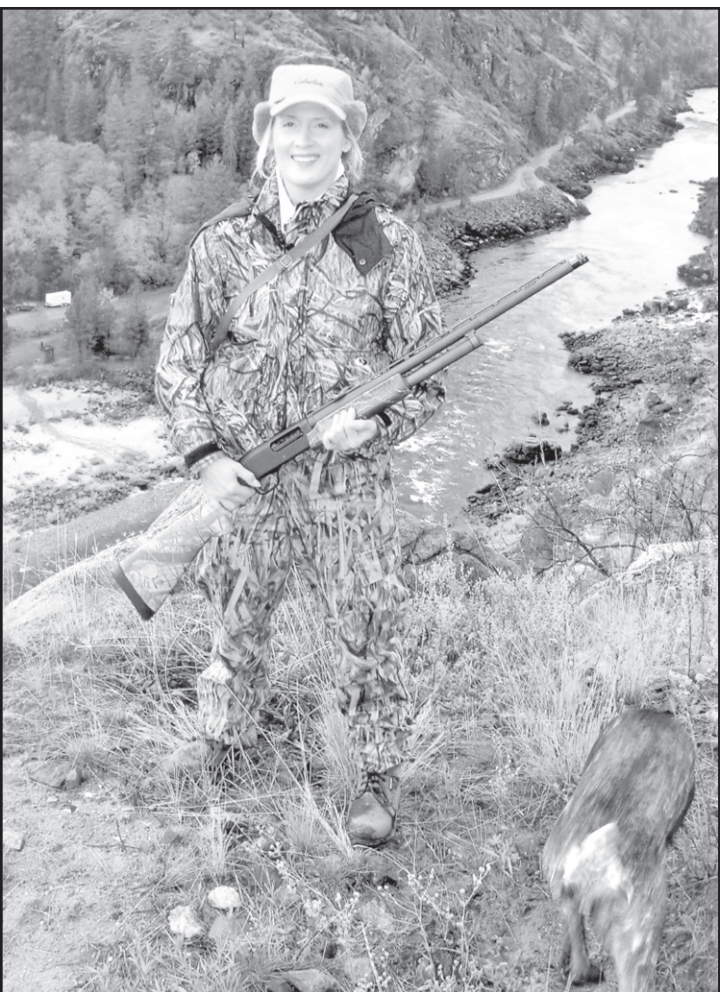
July 19

2012-2013 Brings Variety of Administrative Changes at Augusta Independent

Some years, things remain relatively unchanged. Some years, things change. While the well-known positions such as superintendent and principal will remain unchanged, the latter applies this year at Augusta Independent, as there are a variety of familiar faces serving in new administrative positions.

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State Senator Robin Webb named NASC President



State Senator Robin Webb, D-Grayson, was recently elected President of the Executive Council of the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses (NASC) at its 9th Annual Sportsmen-Legislator Summit in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The summit serves as the umbrella organization for launching and working with state legislative sportsmen's caucuses in state legislatures.

NASC is made up of nearly 2,000 state legislators and 40 state sportsmen caucuses throughout the nation.

"I am honored to be elected President of NASC. This is an opportunity to become even more involved with the issues that sportsmen and outdoors lovers are facing today," said Senator Webb, who is a founder of the Kentucky Sportsmen's Caucus.

Senator Webb said that the Sportsman-Legislator Summit not only provided her with the opportunity to share ideas with her counterparts in other states, but also the concerns and issues facing the Commonwealth. "During the upcoming legislative session, I will take what I learned from the summit and discuss it with my colleagues in both the Senate and House in an effort to address the needs of Kentucky's sportsmen," she

explained.

The summit is the largest gathering of pro-sportsmen legislators that occurs each year. The event provides the bi-partisan group of sportsmen-legislators – representing states across the nation – with the opportunity to interact with state and federal natural resources agencies, allied non-governmental conversation organizations and industries concerned with the future of our nation's outdoor heritage.

Senator Webb participated in this unique forum to discuss policy issues of concern to hunters and anglers in Kentucky and around the nation as well as exchange ideas on pro-sportsmen legislation as well as issues and trends of concern to the outdoor community.

Policy sessions ranged from Southeastern U.S. Fisheries Issues to Natural Gas and Wildlife Conservation to State Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus Updates.

"As a legislator, I have always been a strong advocate of the sportsmen and outdoorsmen and this summit allowed me to have a voice on the national level. As president, I will continue to work at the local, state and national level on issues facing hunters and anglers," Senator Webb said.

Club News

COUNTRYSIDE HOMEMAKERS

What is our favorite meeting of the year? Countryside Homemakers Christmas party/meeting, which has become a club tradition to be held at the home of Janet Meyer, did not disappoint this year. Janet's home was lovely with seasonal decorations everywhere. The tree decorated with white lights, white ornaments and crystal garland was beautiful.

The evening began with our Christmas dinner prepared by our own hands and without a doubt one of the most delicious meals of our Christmas season. The turkey made by Janet, the 7 Layer Salad by Kathy Bay and the peanut butter fudge by Diana Sharp were among the most notably favorite of the evening.

Following dinner and a short business meeting games were played by all until late in the evening. So many games, that most everyone "wins" something to take home. While playing the games, we discovered that there is more than one good reason to wear your pants with the elastic waistband at our Christmas meeting. Small oil scented homemade candles by Janet Garrison and hand-made clutch bags made by Janet were given to all in attendance. Those attending but not mentioned above were: Mary Lou Hickey, Janice Harrison, Faye Chinn, Phyllis Thornbury, Mary Ellen Stegeman, Patty Johnson, Karen Rumford and LuAnn Doyle.

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BCMS holds pin award ceremony for K-Prep Testing



Bracken County Middle School recently held a pin award ceremony for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Proficient and Distinguished students from the 2012 K-Prep Testing. Bracken County Middle School is proud of our students' accomplishments and challenge all students to work toward achieving proficient and Distinguished levels in all testing areas.

Pictured are students scoring at the Distinguished level at least once in the tested areas for the 7th (above) and 8th (below) grades.

Photo submitted



SCHOOL MENU

BRACKEN COUNTY BREAKFAST

Mon., Dec. 31 - No school.

Tues., Jan. 1 - No school.

Wed., Jan. 2 - Biscuits & gravy, sausage links, cereal, juice, milk.

Thurs., Jan. 3 - Pigs in a blanket, cereal, juice, milk.

Fri., Jan. 4 - Doughnuts, cereal, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Mon., Dec. 31 - No school.

Tues., Jan. 1 - No school.

Wed., Jan. 2 - Grilled cheese or hoagie on bun, brown beans, cauliflower, fruit, milk.

Thurs., Jan. 3 - Lasagna or submarine sandwich, peas, mixed vegetables, dinner oll, fruit, milk.

Fri., Jan. 4 - Chicken patty on bun with lettuce & tomato, or chef salad, french fries, broccoli, fruit, milk.

Volunteers needed to assist children in foster care in Northern Kentucky

Citizen Foster Care Review Boards reviews cases, makes recommendations on behalf of children

Citizen Foster Care Review Boards that serve Bracken, Campbell, Kenton and Mason counties are seeking volunteers to make a difference in the lives of local children in foster care. Volunteers are needed to review cases of children placed in foster care because of dependency, neglect and abuse to ensure these children are placed in safe, permanent homes as quickly as possible. Volunteers are not required to reside in the county where a board meets.

The Kentucky General Assembly created the Citizen Foster Care Review Board, or CFCRB, in 1982 as a way to decrease the time children spend in foster care. CFCRB volunteers review Cabinet for Health and Family Services files on children placed in out-of-home care and work with the cabinet and courts on behalf of the state's foster children. The volunteer reviewers help ensure that children receive the necessary services while in foster care and are ultimately placed in permanent homes.

All volunteers must complete a six-hour initial training session and consent to a criminal record and central registry check. A recommendation is then made to the chief judge of the District Court or Family Court for appointment.

The meeting schedules for the Northern Kentucky CFCRBs most in need of volunteers are (Times are local):

CFCRB for Bracken/

and Mason counties meets quarterly; Campbell County CFCRBs; Campbell 1, first Tuesday of each month, 4:30 p.m.; Campbell 2, third Monday of each month, 9 a.m.; Kenton County CFCRBs; Kenton 1, third Thursday of each month, 11 a.m.; Kenton 2, third Wednesday of each month, 10 a.m.; Kenton 3, third Tuesday of each month, 1 p.m.; Kenton 5, fourth Tuesday of each month, 5 p.m.

For more information, volunteers may contact:

Jamie Bergman, Northern Kentucky CFCRBs, Administrative Office of the Courts, 859-334-3245 or jamiebergman@kycourts.net, OR The Department of Family and Juvenile Services at 800-928-2350

Individuals who would like to volunteer but are not available for the aforementioned meetings may contact Bergman to get information on other CFCRBs.

Citizen Foster Care Review Board: Approximately 800 volunteers across the state serve as members of the Kentucky Citizen Foster Care Review Board. The boards operate within the Division of Dependent Children's Services of the Administrative Office of the Courts in Frankfort. As the operations arm for the state court system, the AOC supports the activities of nearly 3,300 court system employees and 403 elected justices, judges and circuit court clerks and executes the Judicial Branch budget.

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Flu level raised to widespread in Kentucky

Kentucky Department for Public Health (DPH) officials reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) this week that the influenza (flu) activity level in the state has increased from regional to widespread. Widespread activity is the highest level of flu activity, which indicates increased flu-like activity or flu outbreaks in at least half of the regions in the state. The activity levels for states are tracked weekly as part of the CDC's national flu surveillance system.

The flu season can begin as early as October and last through May, and usually peaks between January and March. The holiday season is still a good time to get vaccinated against the flu because it takes about two weeks for immunity to develop and offer protection against flu. However, vaccination can be given any time during the flu season, and this year there is a plentiful vaccine supply.

The best way to protect against the flu is to receive a flu vaccination. The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends flu vaccine for all individuals 6 months of age and older. People who are especially encouraged to receive the flu vaccine, because they may be at higher risk for complications or negative consequences, include:

- Children age 6 months to 19 years;
- Pregnant women; People 50 years old or older; People of any age with chronic

health problems; People who live in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities; Health care workers; Caregivers of or people who live with a person at high risk for complications from the flu; and Out-of-home caregivers of or people who live with children less than 6 months old.

Kentuckians should receive a new flu vaccination each season for optimal protection. Influenza strains currently circulating most widely in Kentucky appear to be covered by this season's vaccine, according to officials. Healthy, non-pregnant people age 2-49 years can be vaccinated with either the flu shot or the nasal vaccine spray. An intradermal influenza vaccination, which was new last season, uses a smaller needle and can be given to adults 18 through 64 years of age. Children younger than 9 years old who did not receive a flu vaccination during the last flu season should receive a second dose four or more weeks after their first vaccination.

Infection with the flu virus can cause fever, headache, cough, sore throat, runny nose, sneezing and body aches. Flu is a very conta-

gious disease caused by the flu virus, which spreads from person to person.

Approximately 23,000 deaths due to seasonal flu and its complications occur on average each year in the U.S., according to recently updated estimates from the CDC. However, actual numbers of deaths vary from year to year. For more information on influenza or the availability of flu vaccine, please contact your local health department or visit <http://healthalerts.ky.gov>.

In addition to flu vaccine, DPH strongly encourages all adults 65 or older and others in high risk groups to ask their health care provider about the pneumococcal vaccine. This vaccine can help prevent a type of pneumonia, one of the flu's most serious and potentially deadly complications.

"The pneumococcal vaccine is extremely safe, effective, can be taken at any time of year and is currently available in an adequate supply," Mayfield said.

Caused by bacteria, pneumococcal disease can result in serious pneumonia, meningitis or blood infections. According to the CDC, pneumococcal disease kills more people in the U.S. each year than all other vaccine-preventable diseases combined. Between 20,000 and 40,000 deaths are attributed to flu and pneumonia nationally each year, with more than 90 percent of those deaths occurring in people age 65 and older.

Taylor Elem. students recognized for exhibiting fairness



Taylor Elementary students have demonstrated fairness during the month of December. Teachers have recognized the following students for exhibiting this wonderful character trait for the week of December 10-14. Back row: Carson King, Landon Sharp, Isaiah Jones, India Fritts, (3rd row) Hope Shaff, Liam Wehring, Faith Hitch, Sarah Kirk, (2nd row) Logan Sharp, Shayla Konerman, RyAnn Cooper, Emily Evans, Michael Clark, (front row) Chloe Jarrell, Benjamin Parsons, Austin Prewitt, and Bige Couch. Congratulations!



Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Why would someone choose to roll down the window and thoughtlessly toss garbage out rather than waiting a few minutes and dispose of it properly when he or she gets home? And even more baffling, why would someone risk getting caught littering at a cost of \$500 or up to one year in jail? For the first offense, this is the consequence. The bottom line is that littering is a crime and there can be major consequences. On October 23rd, the Bracken County Lady Bears basketball team, parents, and coaches cleaned up three miles of highway along the roadway of Augusta-Berlin Road in Bladeston. In these miles of highway, we collected old car parts, broken bottles, fast food wrappings, and other debris thrown out windows by careless people.

Most of us don't litter, and we do dispose of our trash properly and legally. The people of this county, however, who dispose of their garbage along the highways instead of in a garbage can, need to know and see consequences. While we greatly appreciate the opportunity to earn money through this program, we all agree that it's a shame those people continue to destroy the beauty of the roadways in the community the rest of us value and love.

Sincerely,
The Bracken County Lady Bears Basketball Team

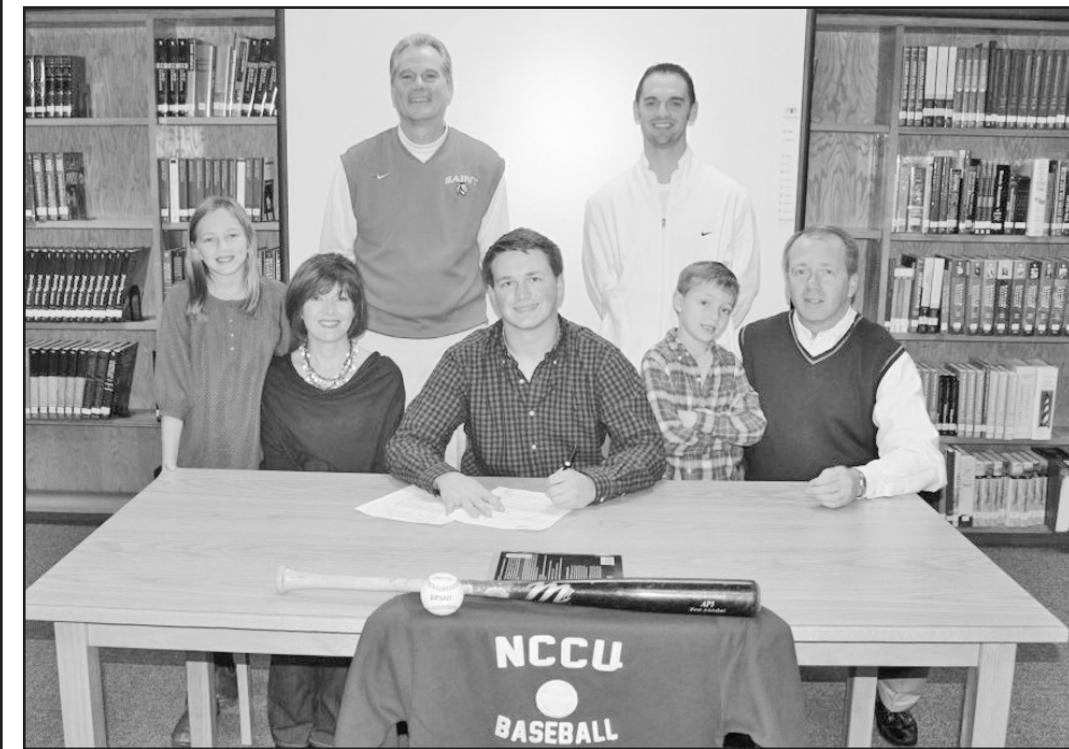
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Dylan Beiland signs with North Carolina Central University



Pictured left to right are, front row: Peyton Beiland, Markie Beiland, Dylan Beiland, Parker Beiland, and Gary Beiland. Back Row: Coach Chip Watts and Athletic Director Dennis Whitener.

Photo submitted

On November 20, 2012. Dylan Beiland of Hickory, NC, formerly of Augusta, KY, signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball at North Carolina Central University. He is a left-handed pitcher and outfielder for the St. Stephen Indians in Hickory. Dylan has also played showcase baseball for the Heat Showcase and the Dirtbags in North Carolina. Named first team All Conference for the Northwestern 3A-4A, he had a batting average of .389 and ERA of 2.13 his junior year.

Dylan is the son of Gary and Markie Beiland of Hickory, NC, and the grandson of Emma Habermehl of Augusta and Mary Beiland formerly of Maysville.

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“White Christmas” Parade Highlights



Augusta Family Resource and Youth Services Center.



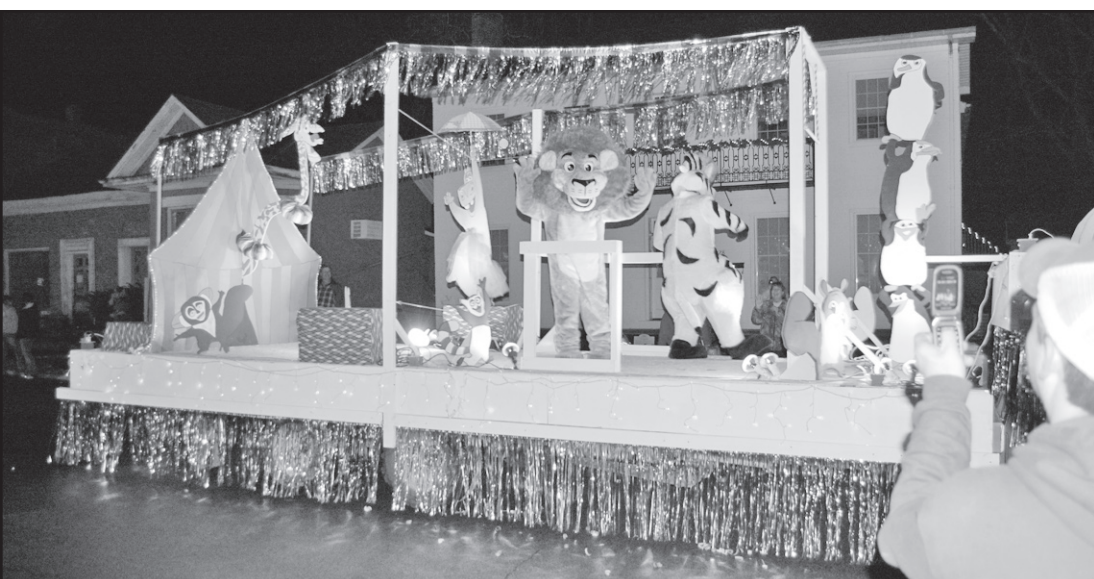
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Mohrfields to serve as Riverfest Regatta Admirals

Larry and Shirley Mohrfield were selected to serve as admirals for the 2012 Riverfest Regatta to be held this weekend in Augusta. The Mohrfields own businesses in Augusta and are responsible for the trolley that provides transportation around Augusta during different events.

July 26

Bracken County Nursing & Rehab to close personal care unit

Additional services to come

Bracken County Nursing & Rehabilitation is closing its Personal Care unit in order to make room for additional services at the nursing home.

The 30-bed unit caters to individuals who need some assistance but are largely able to live independently.

Sarah Tackett named 2012 Riverfest Regatta Queen

The 2012 Riverfest Regatta held this past weekend in Augusta went back to its roots and the Riverfest Regatta Queen pageant, where contestants were judged on their period dress not just beauty and poise. Fourteen young ladies competed for the title. Receiving 1st place was Sarah Tackett, the 15 year old daughter of Karl and Anita Tackett of Foster.

August 2

Come enjoy the sights & sounds of the 158th "Old Reliable Germantown Fair"

Many happy family memories have their roots in the "Old Reliable Germantown Fair". No matter whether we are eight or seventy-eight, each of us has fond memories of eating cotton candy and candy apples before and after riding the ferris wheel, the merry-go-round and the roller-coaster.

Columns add to grandeur of new Judicial Center

Columns for the new Judicial Center were being set on Thursday, July 27th. Work on the new building is progressing on schedule, with an early 2013 date for completion.

August 9

Goecke, Appleman take Grand Champion in Livestock Show

Ashley Goecke and Casey Appleman's hard work paid off Wednesday, August 2nd as they were named Grand Champions in their livestock division of the Mason County LIA Livestock Show. Ashley had this year's Grand Champion Market Steer in the Home Grown Division and Casey had this year's Grand Champion Market Goat.

Torrential rainfall brings flooding to parts of Foster

After Sunday evening's torrential rainfall, parts of Bracken County have seen flooding that in previous years would not flood.

August 16

Brooksville Thirft Store now open on Locust Street

The Brooksville Thirft Store, operated by Darlene Herald of Augusta, is now open at 115 Locust Street, Brooksville, in the old Tru Value Store.

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Fiscal Court lowers tax rate

At the August 8th Fiscal Court meeting, the tax base for the 2012-2013 budget was lowered from 0.402 to 0.401. According to Judge Executive Earl Bush, the lowering will afford the county close to the same amount of revenue as last year. It is actually in keeping with the previous year, where the 2010-2011 rate was lowered from 0.403 to 0.402 for the 2011-2012 fiscal year budget.

August 23

Info sought in weekend road rage incident

On Saturday, August 18, the Kentucky State Police and the Bracken County Sheriff's Department were alerted to an incident of road rage that began in Mt. Olivet and ended in Brooksville.

Area children and teachers back in the swing of school routines

As of last Thurs., Aug. 16th, all three school districts are now in session. Augusta Independent students were the first to return as the doors opened officially on Wed., Aug. 8th. The Bracken County School District followed suit the next day. As is the recent tradition with Saint Augustine School, they held their opening day on Thursday, August 16th after the fun filled weekend of their annual Festival.

August 30

Extended alcohol sales hours fails due to lack of a second

Members of the Bracken County Fiscal Court again faced the issue of extended hours for alcohol sales at this past Wednesday's meeting. Frank Baker, owner of Rooster's in Milford again asked magistrates to vote for the extended hours that would bring his establishments' alcohol sales in line with that of the city of Augusta's businesses.

PrimaryPlus-Bracken breaks ground for 2,700 sq. ft. expansion project

On Fri., Aug. 24th, PrimaryPlus-Bracken welcomed many to put on their hard hats, grab a shovel and break ground, as they celebrated the expansion of their 1551 Augusta-Chatham Road health-care facility.

September 6

Kentucky's Com. of Education visits Bracken County School District

When Terry Holliday became Kentucky's 5th Commissioner of Education in July of 2009 he expressed interest in visiting each of Kentucky's school districts. On Wednesday, August 29th, he travelled to Pendleton County, Augusta Independent, and the Bracken County School System.

Haley Clark newest loan officer at FNB

Haley Clark is the newest loan officer at the First National Bank of Brooksville. Haley has lived in Bracken County her entire life and currently resides in Johnsville with her husband, Josh Clark, and their daughter, Joslynn.

September 13

Time Capsule placed in wall of new Judicial Building

In a quiet ceremony on Friday, September 7th, John Workman with the PVA Office was given the honor of placing a time capsule in the wall at the new Judicial Cen-

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ter building currently being constructed. The time capsule was encased in a plastic container then placed in a niche framed in the wall just outside of the Circuit Clerk's new first floor office.

Goecke cousins take Grand and Reserve Champions at State Fair

Many things can be said about cousins and farming. But in Bracken County if you're talking cousins and farming, chances are you are talking about the Goeckes. Brothers, John Michael and Jim Goecke have long been known for their farming and livestock skills. This is something their children are known for also. Overall, the Goecke cousins took home eight banners from the Kentucky State Fair.

September 20

Annual "Swingtime on the River" well attended, featured guest vocalists

The 8th annual "Swingtime on the River" held this past Saturday in Augusta, again fell on a beautiful September evening. Despite the coolness of Autumn setting in, Saturday's weather was just perfect for dancing to the big band music of the Swingtime Big Band from northern Kentucky.

The Polar Bears Shutout the Rockets to go 4 and 0

Under the Friday Night Lights, of September 14th, the Polar Bears once again came out on top beating Fayetteville 24 to 0. This just seems to be a year for setting new records in football. This game was the first shutout in school history.

September 27

Cummins retires from Woodmen of the World; hands reins over to King

Bracken County Kentucky natives Danny Cummins and Larry King do have different personalities, but the core of what they stand for and their intentions for Woodmen of the World are the same. When Larry takes over on October 1, 2012 as the 12th President of Woodmen of the World after Danny retires on September 28, people can expect business as usual.

County mourns loss of Deputy

Bracken County was saddened to learn Monday morning, September 24th, of the death of Bracken County Sheriff's Deputy Chris Baker. Baker was on leave due to medical issues when he was found deceased on Sunday, September 23rd.

October 4

Royalty crowned at BCHS Football Homecoming game

Homecoming royalty was crowned before the Bracken County High School Football game on Friday evening, September 28. Crowned King and Queen were Dallas Honan and Allison Jefferson. Dallas is the son of Patricia and Jeff Honan and Allison is the daughter of Sandy Jefferson and Henry and Trisha Jefferson.

Crowned Prince and Princess were Kolton Williams and Chelsea Stephenson. Kolton is the son of Jeff and Lori Williams and Chelsea is the daughter of Dave and Lisa Stephenson.

Bracken County Sheriff investigates fatal accident

Monday afternoon, October 1, 2012, the Bracken County Sheriff's Office was called to scene of an accident at 2663 Brooksville-Germantown Road in Frogtown near Bauer Bros. Garage. At approximately 4:15 p.m. a young driver lost control of his east bound vehicle on

slippery roads and travelled into the path of a west bound UPS truck driven by Don Stitt of Augusta. The young driver's vehicle was struck in the passenger side door and spun around into a building.

October 11

Hopper retires, Brothers takes over as Assistant Principal

Raye Jean Hopper has officially retired from the Bracken County School System. Having served as Principal of Taylor Elementary until May of 2012, she finished out her time as Assistant Principal. As of Friday, September 28th, she has completed her duties and passed those duties on to Bobbi Brothers.

Rebecca Neltner named new 4-H Agent

Rebecca (Bezold) Neltner is the new 4-H agent for Bracken County. She grew up on her family's farm in southern Campbell County and was very involved in 4-H. Some of her favorite 4-H activities included Teen Conference, Issues Conference, cooking, and sewing projects.

October 18

Erica Fraysure now missing 15 years

As part of its ongoing search, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children is again asking for the public's help to locate Erica Fraysure who became missing from Brooksville, on Oct. 21, 1997. This year marks the 15th anniversary of her disappearance.

Bracken County Memory Walk raises \$8,755 to end Alzheimer's

In celebration of the 10th annual Bracken County Memory Walk, many dedicated family members, friends, and caregivers gathered in Appelman Park Sunday in Augusta. Funds raised at Memory Walk events benefit the Alzheimer's Association. Funds raised at the annual events go toward research and awareness.

October 25

New CAD & Mapping software now in use in Bracken County

The Bracken County Sheriff's Office and Bracken County E 9-1-1 Center recently selected PTS Solutions as its new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and mapping provider. The 9-1-1 Office will use the new software to dispatch officers and to map call locations and incidents.

Lee's IGA Customer Appreciation Day

Each year, Lee's IGA, Inc. selects a special day to show appreciation to their customers. Lee's has served this community for over 30 years and truly appreciates the loyalty of each and every customer.

November 1

Brooksville receives much needed sidewalks around courthouse

Crews have been working the past couple of weeks digging out the retaining wall around the courthouse in front of the Brooksville Post Office to create much needed sidewalks.

Bell Farm Bureau Outstanding Youth Contest Dist. runner-up

Owen Bell, a junior at Bracken Co. High School and Vice-President of the FFA Chapter, was judged runner-up in the Kentucky Farm Bureau District #9 Outstanding Youth Contest held on Sunday, October 21st at the Blue Licks State Park, Arlington Room.

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Hat's Off To A New Year!

— And to all of you who have given us much cause for celebration this year!

Happy New Year. See you next year!



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November 8

Highway dedicated to service and sacrifice of Sgt. Jeremy Summers

On Thursday, November 1, 2012, local officials, family members, friends, and community members gathered to honor Sgt. Summers again as a portion of the highway in Milford was dedicated to him.

Casket vault thief apprehended

The Bracken County Sheriff's Office received an anonymous tip on Mon., Nov. 5th, of a subject trying to sell a casket vault that he had in the back of his truck. The suspect was identified as Gilbert Sherman Strode.

December 6

The Lenoxburg Country Store is now open

Bernie and Carol Bruno have recently opened The Lenoxburg Country Store at 7595 Willow-Lenoxburg Road in Foster (formerly old Lenoxburg Locker). They are open Monday- Saturday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Lt. Gov. Abramson celebrates Grand Opening for Clopay

On Friday, November 30th, Lieutenant Governor Jerry Abramson joined company and local leaders in Augusta at a grand opening ceremony for Clopay Plastics Products Company Inc. The company has added 62,000 square feet to its existing 289,000-square-foot facility, a project that is responsible for retaining 290 full-time jobs and creating a \$12.3 million investment in the state.

November 15

Tiger Football 1st & 2nd grade team win Youth League Super Bowl

On Sunday, November 4, Tiger Football's first and second grade team traveled to Gallatin County to participate in the Greater North Central Kentucky Youth Football League Super Bowl. The team played an undefeated Walton Verona team. None of the league teams had been able to score against this Walton team all season. The Tigers went into this super bowl game with a 7 and 2 record, with their only losses to this same Walton team.

November 22

Foster woman Indicted for Social Sec. & Health Care Fraud

A federal grand jury in Covington returned an indictment that charges Lisa Michelle Hiles, 45, of Foster, KY, with supplemental security income (SSI) benefits fraud, health care fraud and making false statements to federal agents. Her husband, Guy Hiles, 48, was also indicted for making false statements.

November 22

E.B. & Mary K. Kern serve as "Light Up Brooksville" grand marshals

This year's "Light Up Brooksville" Parade will honor E.B. and Mary Katherine Kern for their community service to all of Bracken County.

4th annual Community Thanksgiving Carryout grows in number served

In the true spirit of community and giving, several members of the local churches in Augusta, gathered on Wednesday, November 14th to prepare a Thanksgiving meal for members of the community. Ladies and gentlemen gathered at the Augusta Presbyterian Church at 10 a.m. and began the process of peeling and cooking 120 pounds of mashed potatoes, 2-1/2 cases plus of sweet potatoes and green beans each, stuffing, rolls, gravy, and slicing 12 turkeys and about 38 pumpkin pies.

November 29

Scott honored for 20 years of D.A.R.E. service

Bracken County Sheriff's Deputy Robert "Bob" Scott was honored for his 20 years of providing the D.A.R.E. Program to Bracken County Schools.

Santa Claus Lane incorporates memories from the past this year

The Hometown Traditions Community Club and the City of Brooksville have again created a wonderland for children of all ages as the Watson Community Build-

ing has been transformed into Santa Claus Lane once again. This year attendees will stroll down the streets of Santa Claus Lane and see the different types of village shops. The traditional Reindeer Barn has been replaced by an Old Mill, but fear not, the reindeer are corralled behind the mill.

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Yelton: Isabelle Amparo*, Olivia Caudill*, Jeremiah Craver*, Chloe Duncan*, Cecilia Tarvin*, Abby Browning, Tylor Davenport, Jordyn Flora, Natalie Hargett, Faith Hitch, Ethan Hunt, Kamden Lippert, Buddy Sammon.
Sticklen: Aleah Cummins*, Hailee Evans*, Jett Insko*, Caleb Jefferson*, Charlie Reed*, Emma Wolfe, Preston Hardy, Hope Hitch, Nick Hutchins, Haley Jude, Kody Pulaski, Jaxon Rees, Ashley Smith, Logan Teegarden.
Weiss: Karis Applegate*, Jalynn Clos*, Abby Hamilton*, Joseph Hamilton*, Victoria Highfield*, Brooklyn Norton*, Lane Stewart*, Jason Apolonio, Alana Ballard, Carter Dotson, Brittany Doyle, Dylan Earlywine, Tristan Matthews, Chasidy Smith.
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Thurman: Georganna Carpenter*, Marrica Gibson*, Ella Tarvin*, Jarrod Woods*, Christopher Blackburn, Noah Emery, Carson Hord, Justin Tuel.
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Jacklyn Duzan, Ashton Holton, Matthew Bishop, Sadie Vater, Alison Fryman, Elijah Bishop, Robert McCane.
Flynn: Baylie Mastin*, Nicholas Cummins*, Austin Fryman*, Nathan Jefferson*, Gavin Jett*, Mason McClanahan*, Amy Cracraft*, Kamrin Jarrells, Dustin Tucker, Logan Williams, Joshua Kalb, Colby Moran, Tori Clark, Isabella Gilvin, Kysten Morales.
5TH GRADE
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Drug sweep conducted at Bracken Co. High School & Middle School



Pictured left to right are Officer Jim Black and Roky, Dep. John Riley, Officer Chris Gallichio and Box, Sheriff Howard Niemeier, Sgt. Bruce Markus and Layco, and Superintendent Jeff Aulick.
Photo submitted

The Bracken County Sheriff's Office conducted a drug sweep at the BCHS on Thursday, December 13, 2012 at approximately 8:30 a.m. Sheriff Niemeier, Deputy John Riley, Campbell County Detention Sergeant Bruce Markus with K-9 partner Layco, Newport Police Officer Chris Gallichio with K-9 partner Box, and Dayton Police Officer Jim Black with K-9 partner Roky met with Bracken County High School Superintendent Jeff Aulick, Asst. Superintendent Dan Fisher, Principal Michael Hunter and Assistant Principal Clay King.

Officers with the escort of school officials conducted a K-9 search for drugs going through all lockers,

locker rooms and also emptied two classrooms and conducted a search of the classrooms. There were no drugs found during the search of these facilities. Once this was concluded officers and K-9 units conducted a search of the parking lot checking vehicles for any possible drugs. There were no drugs found during this search.

Officers then responded to the Bracken County Middle School where a search was conducted of the hallways, lockers and two classrooms. The search of this facility also found that no drugs were present at the time of the search. This search was conducted with the assistance of Principal Leah Jefferson.

The Bracken County School System and Bracken

Sheriff's Office is dedicated to making our schools as safe as possible for our kids to attend. As a reminder for parents and citizens these sweeps are conducted mainly to try to ensure that our kids are able to attend school in a drug free environment and to get the education that they are there to receive. The presence of drugs in the schools or at sporting events will not be tolerated and corrective action and enforcement will occur when identified.

The Northern KY police agencies/officers that participated and donated their time/effort to Bracken County in our fight to keep drugs out of our schools are greatly appreciated.

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Kentucky Farm Bureau urges drivers to prepare for winter conditions

As winter weather enters the region and brings falling temperatures, snow and ice to Kentucky's roadways, Kentucky Farm Bureau (KFB) Insurance Companies urges all drivers to exercise extreme caution on their regular commutes. Slushy accumulations and icy patches may make roadways difficult to navigate, reduce tire traction, increase required braking distances and, at times, may limit driver visibility. Motorists must take extra caution when headed out under these conditions.

"Everyone hopes they won't be the person sliding off the road or crashing into another vehicle when a snowstorm hits, but ice and snow on the streets can be just as hazardous to an experienced driver as they are to an inexperienced one," said KFB Insurance Vice President of Claims, Greg Youngblood. "Staying off the roads until the conditions are clear and dry is really the best way to avoid being in a wintertime collision."

While not everyone is able to completely avoid driving whenever it snows, all drivers can make a few advance preparations to help increase the chances for a safe journey. Vehicle upkeep and modified driving behaviors are essential in the winter as road and vehicle conditions are often quite different during this season than at other times of the year.

In addition to scheduling the regular maintenance that keeps a vehicle running at the highest level year-round, KFB advises all drivers to make extra preparations for cold-weather driving or commuting during snowfall. Kentucky drivers can optimize their vehicle's performance for snow, ice and freezing temperatures by checking:

Tire treads – Special treads on snow tires provide optimal grip on icy roads, but at a minimum regular tires should be inspected to insure that an appropriate amount of tread is available on each wheel.

Air pressure – Measure the air pressure of each tire to make sure it is filled to the manufacturer's suggested PSI (pounds per square inch). The PSI is listed in the owner's manual as well as on a label found on the inside of the driver's door.

Fluid levels – The salt and sand on the road that comes with winter weather removal often ends up on windshields, making it is essential to have a full tank of no-freeze washer fluid. Additional checks on the engine's coolant system should also be made to spot leaks and make sure enough coolant is in the reservoir to withstand the colder winter temperatures.

Windshield wipers – Vision on the roadways is imperative but not always possible if a vehicle's windshield wipers are worn. Replace wipers before the snow and ice hits.

Battery – It takes more power to start a vehicle in cold weather than in warmer conditions, and battery power drops as temperatures get colder. Have a mechanic check the charge on the vehicle's battery and keep jumper cables handy for those extra cold mornings.

Gas tank – Fuel line freeze up is a wintertime headache in many driveways. Keep a vehicle's tank at least two-thirds full during the winter to help keep air and condensation from freezing and preventing gas flow to the engine.

Headlights, mirrors and windows – Drivers should always remove ice and snow from all mirrors, windows and head and tail lights before pulling onto the road. The importance of being able to see and be seen on the road cannot be overemphasized. NEVER pour water on windows as this may cause the glass to shatter.

Of course, vehicle preparation is only part of the journey in winter conditions. Motorists must also make adjustments to their own driving

habits and be keenly aware of the conditions and traffic around them. If driving is necessary, motorists can help prevent crashes on snowy or icy roads if they:

Check road conditions – Depending on the severity of the storm, some roads may be closed, blocked or extremely backed up. Plan the best route to travel before leaving home.

Allow extra travel time – When wintry weather covers Kentucky roads, everyone's commute time slows down. Drivers should take the time to completely uncover their vehicle, leave early whenever possible and allow plenty of time to arrive at their destination.

Accelerate and decelerate slowly – Vehicles can better grip the road and avoid slipping if both the gas pedal and brake are applied slowly. A vehicle will not get moving – or slow down – quickly in the snow and ice.

Leave more space between vehicles – Coming to a complete stop in the snow may require up to four times as much room as it would in dry conditions. Avoid crashes by allowing more space on the road.

Practice driving in the snow – When it does snow, locate an empty section of a parking lot and become familiarized with the way vehicles handle in the snow. This is especially helpful for inexperienced drivers learning how to drive in wintry conditions for the first time.

Above all, KFB Insurance Companies wants drivers to protect themselves and their passengers.

"We want everyone to stay safe as the snow and ice return to the region," said Youngblood. "Patience is the key to safely navigating wintry roads, but every bit of preparation and awareness a driver can add to the journey definitely helps."

BCMS hosts Ohio River Valley conference Tournament finals



6th grade team members in no order: Blake Coleman, Brandon Cox, Tad Fisher, Rocky Insko, Collin Jefferson, Jared Jefferson, Jonathon Latella, Dustin McCormick, Tyler Rice, Daniel Simons, Chris Thomas, Travis Tucker, Cavin Wallace, and Shane Williams. Coach is Daniel Fisher.

Photos submitted

On Monday, December 17th, Bracken County Middle School hosted the Ohio River Valley Conference Tournament finals.

Bracken County Middle School's 8th grade Boys' Basketball team clinched the Tournament title beating Nicholas County in a double overtime. The 8th grade team tied for the conference title for 1st. The 7th grade basketball team was runner up in the 7th grade tournament and conference. The 6th grade basketball team won both the ORVC Tournament and Conference Titles.



7th grade team members in no order: Cole Bishop, Austin Clos, Blake Coleman, Trey Deaton, Tad Fisher, Tanner Fisher, Andrew Jefferson, Collin Jefferson, Daniel Simons, and Travis Tucker. Coaches are Daniel Fisher and Deron Ray.



8th grade team members in no order: Cameron Botkin, Cooper Engnes, Jacob Hamilton, Dalton Highfield, Brady Jones, Nick Jones, Will Jones, James Miller, Caleb Rigg, Blake Simpson, Paul Wright, and William Jacobs. Coaches are Deron Ray and Daniel Fisher.

Veterans Benefits Field Rep. to visit Flemingsburg Jan. 4

A Veterans Benefits Field Representative will be at the Fleming Co. Courthouse, Flemingsburg, on Fri., January 4 from 9-3:30 p.m. Veterans and their dependents will receive assistance filing for federal and state veterans benefits. This service is provided free of charge by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs.

To apply, veterans need to furnish copies of pertinent documentation to verify eligibility. For further information, please call toll free within KY. 1-866-376-0308 to speak with a Veterans Benefits Field Representative.

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Sports in Kentucky

by Bob Watkins

Christmas spirit is bruised; Ann Curry knows 26 things we can do

The Newtown tragedy has stolen a core-something out of our Christmas. Exacerbated by a parade of assault weapon images on teevee, Apocalypse 2012 doom, and fiscal cliff woes, have tempered our joy this year. The season-to-be-jolly has a deep bruise on it.

In my lifetime, only the lingering grief after John F. Kennedy's assassination before Thanksgiving 1963 was as numbing, weighed so heavily on the American spirit as the Sandy Hook tragedy.

The Newtown nightmare has shaken us all. But thankfully, as Abraham Lincoln said, it has rallied "the better angels of our nature" too. In gestures from high profilers in sports ...

✓ Baseball star Derek Jeter telephoned the mother of Sandy Hook Elementary teacher Victoria Soto, moving a relative to say, "People like Jeter have reached out. It brings some comfort," to the New York Daily News.

✓ NFL New York Giant receiver Victor Cruz drove to Newtown to visit Jack Pinto's family. Idolized by little Jack, Cruz (and we) learned the child was buried wearing the player's No. 80.

✓ Syracuse's Jim Boeheim accepted plaudits for his 900th coaching last week, but as the Sandy Hook Elementary wounds remained fresh, the ball coach used the moment to remind us of more important things.

✓ At a postgame press conference in Columbus, Ohio last week Winthrop U. coach Pat Kelsey, father of two little girls, sat in front of "20 or more microphones," after his team lost to Ohio State and spoke of the Newtown disaster with such eloquence, it ought be a model for Impromptu speech-making by every high school and college speech class across the country.

If you haven't already, look it up - <http://usat.ly/RD2vHM>

"I'm only a coach. I'm not smart enough to understand all this," Kelsey said in part, then added, "I didn't vote for Barack Obama, but he is MY president! I hope he and (Speaker of the House) John Boehner" will to do something about (our guns-in-America) problem."

✓ Best of all, Ann Curry at NBC News sent forth a tweet suggesting, in honor of the fallen children at Sandy Hook, we ought to dedicate ourselves to 26 acts of kindness. Large, small, anonymous or not, do something, say something to and for the betterment of our fellows in this life.

Curry's idea has taken wing round USA and around the globe.

What greater good can we do than pay-it-forward 26 times in memory of 26 fallen angels?

GIFT HOPES FROM HERE

This week a few random gift ideas around and about.

GIFT. Duke got high school media darling Jabari Parker, right? Wrong!

Other way round. Parker gets to learn from Mike Krzyzewski. In a Coach K cocoon, the kid can sharpen and hone his mind and values along with his game.

GIFT. The emergence of Jarrod Polson at Kentucky is a gift for Big Blue Nation. A reminder that native sons can rise and perform at highest levels far beyond star-rating nonsense.

GIFT. Jarrod Polson give back? Patience. I hope he skips the cash-in-cheerleaderpaperback version of inside-the-program book on Kentucky basketball. That he holds off a decade for more penetrating perspective of his experience.

GIFT. Willie Taggart to Willie Taggart. Western Kentucky U. paid its football coach \$475,000 a year. South Florida will pay Taggart \$1.1 million each of five years ... unless USF fires him or the coach jumps to another job.

Taggart told the Bowling Green Daily News his move was not about going home to south

Florida and "it wasn't about the money at all. It was more from a career standpoint and moving on."

In other words, the coach moved his lips. It was about the money.

GIFT. Bellarmine Knights. At 8-0. our state's lone unbeaten college team at Christmas, is ranked fourth in NABC. Equally notable, coach Scotty Davenport's team has a collective 3.0 grade point average at the break. Fifteen semesters in a row.

"They can still do better, our goal will be to have the highest team GPA in my 8 seasons this spring," declared the coach.

GIFT. For Bears and Patriots fans, Pikeville U. and University of Cumberlands arrived at Christmas with 13-1 and 12-1 records respectively.

To entertain its fans, UPike topped 100 points in half its 14 games.

Cumberlands won 12 in a row before a fall at IU-Southeast.

GIFT. College basketball. Division I's 344 men's ball coach fraternity has its share of show-me-the-money job jumpers, cheaters, and those who operate at edge of NCAA rules, but there is a Best of the Best list of coaches who balance winning, educating athletes and give-back to community.

They are a gift to all of us. One man's Top 10 (in order): Mike Krzyzewski (Duke), Jim Boeheim (Syracuse), Billy Donovan (Florida), Mark Few (Gonzaga), Tom Izzo (Michigan State), Tubby Smith (Minnesota), Shaka Smart (VCU), Steve Alford (New Mexico), Brad Stevens (Butler) and, most recently, Pat Kelsey (Winthrop).

Gifts. There are many others for you and from you around the Bluegrass State. These have been a few of mine.

PARTING SHOT

"I care not what others think of what I do, but I care very much about what I think of what I do. That is character" - Teddy Roosevelt

Merry Christmas to you, and to all those who make this newspaper a Gift to you. And so it goes.

BCMS Cheerleadering squad wins ORVC Cheerleading title



Bracken County Middle School's Cheerleading squad won the ORVC Cheerleading title. Members of the squad in no order: Mandie Appleman, Olivia Bell, Larissa Benedict, Kelsey Boone, Kristin Dalton, Madison Flora, Skie French, Mackenzie Gilbert, Ashley Hall, Savanna Hardy, Tiffany Hicks, Bella Hill, Callie Jarrell, Hailey Leap, Renee Leonard, Lyndsey Monahon, Kylie Moneyhon, Tianna Niemeier, Kelsey Pulaski, Mallarie Rosel, Macy Ruf, Mya Sharp, Haley Taylor, Madison Teegarden, Desirae Thacker, Ashley Traylor, Gracie Wills, and Kaleigh Woods. Cheerleading coaches are Karlie Smith and Haley Clark.

Photo submitted

December 27th Crossword Puzzle

THEME: 2012 IN REVIEW

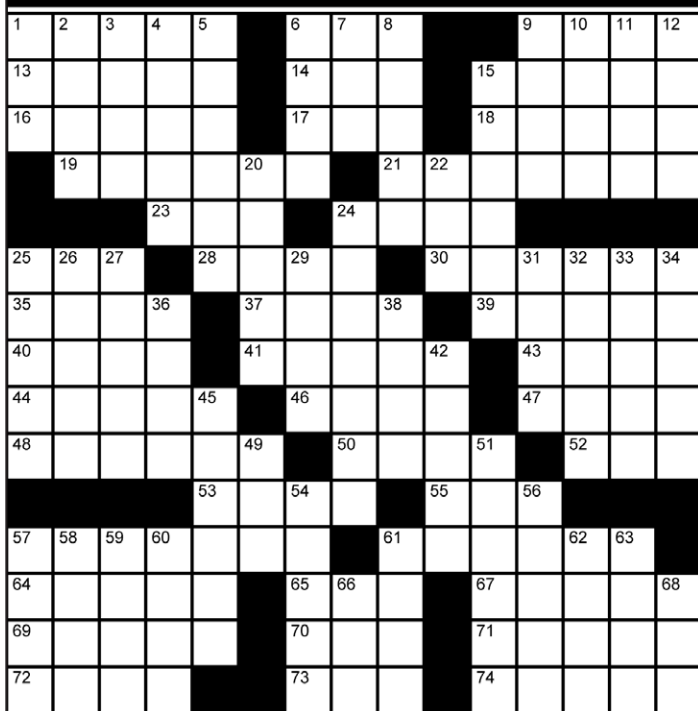
ACROSS

- Come from an egg
- Bad-mouth
- Cargo
- Gem state
- Make a choice
- Move sideways
- Chocolate substitute
- Wade's opponent
- *"The ____" moved to Chicago from NYC
- *GOP's 2012 choice
- *Deceased singing legend
- Pock mark disease
- Boris Godunov, e.g.
- Chicken order
- Vegetative prickle
- Speed of play, pl.
- Like decorated cake
- Luau souvenirs
- Third rock from the sun
- Laughing on the inside, in a chatroom
- Small drum
- Memorization method
- Full of pep
- Russian parliament
- Farmer's purchase
- Auteur's art
- Peacock's pride
- *Ann to Mitt
- "Anything ____?"
- Excessively
- *PSY's style
- Bronx Bomber
- Whippet or Basset, e.g.
- Bard's before
- Lifeboat support
- Elephant trainer's goad
- Summer mo.
- "Lohengrin," e.g.
- In a golfer's pocket
- Registration, for short
- One born to Japanese immigrants

DOWN

- Wino's sound?
- Month of Purim
- Tropical tuber
- Bite
- Rub elbows
- Nemo's forgetful friend
- *Facebook's big move
- Seethes
- Dryer fire hazard
- Scandinavian war god
- Burn soother
- Refuse to accept
- Evening party
- Jump for joy
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Face Amount December 1, thru January 3, 2012
5% Penalty January 1, thru January 31, 2013
21% Penalty February 1, thru April 15, 2013

IMPORTANT NOTE: All delinquent tax bills will be transferred to the County Clerk's Office as of the close of business on April 15, 2013. In addition to the penalties and fees that are applied by the Sheriff's Office all payments made in the County Clerk's Office are subject to a 20% County Attorney's fee, a 10% County Clerk's fee and interest at 1% per month. The delinquency is also subject to being sold to a Third Party and subject to substantial additional penalties and fees in the summer of 2013, if not paid to the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff's Office Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wed. & Sat. 8 a.m. to Noon. Closed Sundays and all Federal holidays. Office will be closed Sat., Dec. 22, Mon., Dec. 24, Tues., Dec. 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday. The office will be closed Mon., Dec. 31, & Tues., Jan. 1 in observance of the New Year holiday.

Face Value Tax payment will be extended until closing on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please call 735-2952.

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Bracken County Clerk
12-27-c

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Absolutely no trespassing of any kind on the 16 acres owned by Jim Thornsby at 4132 Augusta-Chatham Rd. Property is bordered by Feagan farm, Baker-Bird Winery and City of Augusta Water Tower Property. (1-13)

No trespassing or hunting on the property owned by the Bradbury's on Hwy. 19 in the Valley Hi Subdivision, Augusta. (1-13)

Absolutely no 4-wheeling or trespassing of any kind on the Howard Murray property located on Hwy. 1159 & Dutch Ridge Rd. If caught you will be prosecuted. (2-13)

Absolutely no trespassing of any kind on the farm located at 2321 Johnsville-Foster Rd. (3-13)

No dirt bikes, quads, four wheelers, and no hunting or shooting allowed on the property at 4465 Augusta-Chatham Rd., Baker-Bird Winery Property. Violators will be prosecuted. (3-13)

Absolutely no trespassing, hunting, fishing, riding of ATV's or horses on the 120 acre farm of Homer Gemmer without written permission located on both sides of Goose Ridge Rd. at Powersville. All violators will be prosecuted, including neighbors to the fullest extent of the law. Any livestock including horses caught on or running loose on property will be sold. (4-13)

Absolutely no hunting, quad running, trapping, dog running, dumping, or trespassing on the 100 acres at 3175 Salem Ridge Rd. Trespassers will be prosecuted. (4-13)

Absolutely no trespassing, hunting, fishing, quad riding or trapping for any purpose on the 100 acres of Johnny & Jenny Free at 2075 Brooksville-Powersville Rd. and the 1 1/2 acres at 224 Freedom Lane. Violators will be prosecuted. (4-13)

Absolutely no trespassing, hunting, or quad running on the 46 acre farm located at 432 Johnsville-Foster Rd. (6-13)

Absolutely no trespassing of any kind on the 100 acres of Arlene Jones located on Case Ridge. (7-13)

No hunting or trespassing on the 157 acre farm at 1395 Riley Mill Road. Only those with owner's permission are allowed on this farm. (7-13)

The family of Susan Murray Wehmeyer would like everyone to know that absolutely no hunting, fishing, quad running or trespassing for any reason is permitted on her properties that are located on the AA Hwy. & Dutch Ridge Rd. Violators will be prosecuted. (8-13)

Courtney Farm - former Clarence Courtney farm, New Zion Rd. Absolutely no hunting, fishing, ATV or horseback riding, tractors, no trespassing without written notarized permission. All violators will be prosecuted. (8-13)

Absolutely no hunting, fishing, trespassing or ATV riding on the 135 acres owned by Walter & Debbie Reinhart situated between Stump & Mattox Rd. in Bracken Co. (9-13)

No hunting, 4-wheeling, or trespassing on McKenney land on Toadvine Road, on No. 19 between Petra and Milford and on Moore Road. (10-13)

Absolutely no hunting, 4-wheeling, or trespassing including dogs on 60 acres owned by Tom & Emma Brumback at 549 Stump Rd. (10-13)

Absolutely no hunting, fishing, trespassing or dumping at 345 Stump Road. Violators will be prosecuted. (10-13)

Absolutely no trespassing or hunting on the 25 acre Hiles-Brooks farm behind Valley View Subdivision, formerly belonging to Art Taylor. (10-13)

Absolutely no hunting or trespassing of any kind on the 65 acres on Snag Creek Rd. owned by Ricky Hamilton. (11-13)

Absolutely no hunting or trespassing of any kind on the properties of Tommy Joe Cox located at 2468 Western Hills Rd. and 5032 Snag Creek Rd. (11-13)

No hunting or trespassing of any kind is allowed on the Lawson farms in Powersville on Chaney Road off Jacobs Road. (11-13)

No trespassing, hunting, quad running or fishing on the 86 acre property known as Potato Hill Farm, 67 Lockmier Road. Violators will be prosecuted. Security will shoot all loose dogs. (11-13)

No hunting or trespassing for any reason on property owned on Belmont Rd. belonging to J. Rooks & V. Groeschen. Violators will be prosecuted. Dogs running loose will be shot. (12-13)

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Bracken County Fiscal Court

A regular meeting of the Bracken County Fiscal Court was held Wednesday, November 14, 2012, for the purpose of transacting any business properly presented by the established agenda. Presiding: Earl Bush, County Judge Executive. Present: Carl Allen, Clark Hennessey, David Kelsch, David Hughes, John Corlis, Doug Smith, and Dennis Jefferson. Absent: Scotty Lippert, Jr. due to being out of the country for work.

Let the Record reflect that the Court members received a copy of the vendor claims to be paid for all funds and a Financial Statement ending October 31, 2012.

Upon motion of Dennis Jefferson, seconded by John Corlis, is the minutes meeting on October 24, 2012 be accepted/approved. Voting being unanimous. Absent: Scotty Lippert, Jr.

Floor open to the public to discuss anything other than agenda items - Judge Bush opened the floor to public comments regarding any concerns or issues of others that are not related to any agenda item. He advised that there would be order held in the court. This time would be for public to voice concerns, but no personal attacks would be allowed.

*Diane Poe, Allison Crawford, and Lydia Meyers addressed the Fiscal Court advising of a program that will be presented on December 7, 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. at the Bracken County High School. Regarding "distracted drivers", including texting while driving. These students shared statistics regarding accidents involved with distracted driving among youth and adults. This program on December 7 at the high school will be open to adults after school hours until 8 p.m. It includes a simulator that can be operated by an individual to show how distraction cause accidents.

FBLA has involved: Kentucky Department of Highways, Kentucky State Police, Bracken County Sheriff's Department, Governor Beshear, Representative Mike Denham, Senator Robin Webb, and Fox 19 News.

*Clark Hennessey suggested a Proclamation by the Judge Executive and Fiscal Court be published in *The Bracken County News* prior to December 7, 2012 in support of this program.

Roads & Projects Updates

*Judge Bush advised that paving will be done in the spring for county roads due to the temperatures below requirement for paving.

*He advised that the Road Department has been hauling base ash and have a good supply, and that the road department currently has 20 tons of salt in reserve.

*Judge Bush advised that the next meeting will be the end of a probation period for a new hired employee and will need to address that at the next fiscal court meeting.

*Road Supervisor, Stacey Florer, advised the court that JD Contracting has cleaned out the 80 foot culvert on Holtz Creek - Completed Friday 11/9/2012.

*Florer also advised that there will be no more hauling of base ash by the county road department until mid January 2013.

Mers Litigation Update - County Attorney, Mike Clark, stated that he sent another email on Monday November 11, 2012 stating that they need to send an amended contract. He has heard no reply at this time.

Woodland Acres Issue - County Attorney, Mike Clark, advised the Court that he is working with Gayle Mains and other property owners on Woodland Acres. Both properties involved in the portion of a limited amount (feet) of land have had surveys. Mike Clark is comparing surveys and working with property owners to come up with a res-

olution to the issue.

BTGNTF - Buffalo Trace Gateway Narcotics Task Force - Deputy Robert Scott updated the Court on this issue. Deputy Scott was not permitted to give any details due to this being an ongoing criminal investigation with the Kentucky State Police.

Bracken County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) - submitted by N. Reynolds, EM Director - Upon motion of Doug Smith, seconded by David Kelsch, that the Court accept the presented Bracken County Emergency Operations Plan (County EOP). Vote being unanimous. Absent: Scotty Lippert, Jr.

Bracken County Recreational Board Re-appointment - Upon motion of David Kelsch, seconded by Clark Hennessey, that Pat Taylor be re-appointed to the Bracken County Recreational Board term being 4 years (11/01/2012-10/31/2016). Vote being unanimous. Absent: Scotty Lippert, Jr.

Bracken County Cooperative Extension Board Re-appointment - Upon motion of Carl Allen, seconded by John Corlis, that Ron Nadicksburn be re-appointed to the Bracken County Cooperative Extension Board term being 3 years (12/31/2012-12/31/2015). Vote being unanimous. Absent: Scotty Lippert, Jr.

Bracken County Cooperative Extension Board Re-appointment - Upon motion of Doug Smith, seconded by John Corlis, that Shirley Perkins be re-appointed to the Bracken County Cooperative Extension Board term being 3 years (12/21/2012-12/31/2015). Vote being unanimous. Absent: Scotty Lippert, Jr.

Bracken County Cooperative Extension Board Appointment: to fill resigned term - The resignation of Daryl Emery from the Bracken County Cooperative Extension Board created a unfilled term ending 12/31/2013. Upon Motion of David Hughes, seconded by Dennis

Jefferson, that David Sticklen fill the unexpired term of the above position. Term being 11/14/2012-12/31/2013. Vote being unanimous. Absent: Scotty Lippert, Jr.

General Fund Vendor Claims - Upon motion of Doug Smith, seconded by Clark Hennessey, that the following General Fund Vendor Claims be approved for payment. Vote being unanimous. Abstain - David Kelsch due to claim for reimbursement for surveillance equipment. Absent: Scotty Lippert, Jr.

General Fund Transfers - Upon motion of John Corlis, seconded by Dennis Jefferson, that the following General Fund Transfers be accepted/approved. Vote being unanimous. Absent: Scotty Lippert, Jr.

Road Fund Vendor Claims - Upon motion of Dennis Jefferson, seconded by David Kelsch, that the following Road Fund Vendor Claims be approved for payment. Vote being unanimous. Abstain - John Corlis due to claim for Brooksville Farm Supply.

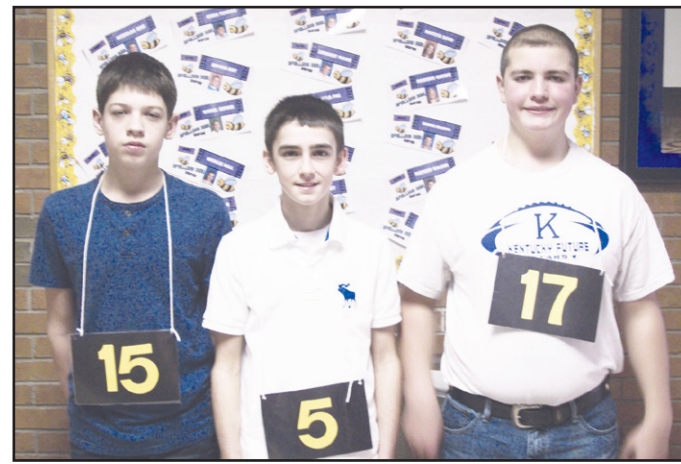
Road Fund Transfers - Upon motion of Doug Smith, seconded by David Hughes, that the following Road Fund Transfers be accepted/approved. Vote being unanimous. Absent: Scotty Lippert

Jail Fund Vendor Claims - Upon motion of Clark Hennessey, seconded by John Corlis, that the following Jail Fund Vendor Claims be approved for payment. Vote being unanimous. Absent: Scotty Lippert, Jr.

Jail Fund Transfers - Upon motion of David Hughes, seconded by David Kelsch, that the following Jail Fund Transfers be accepted/approved. Vote being unanimous. Absent: Scotty Lippert, Jr.

Dispatch/911 Fund Transfers - Upon motion of Dennis Jefferson, seconded by John Corlis, that the following Dispatch/911 Fund Transfers be accepted/approved. Vote being unanimous. Absent: Scotty Lippert, Jr.

Tanner Fisher, 7th Grader, wins BCMS Spelling Bee



Pictured left to right are Trey Deaton, Tanner Fisher, and Nicholas Rice. Photo submitted

Bracken County Middle School conducted a Spelling Bee on December 19 at 8:30 am. Ten students from each grade level participated in the spell-down. The top speller, Tanner Fisher, will take an on-line spelling test to determine regional qualification. If Tanner qualifies for the Regional Spelling Bee, sponsored by WCPO-TV, he will compete on February 23, 2013. Second place winner and serving as an alternate for the Regional Spelling Bee is eighth grader, Nicholas Rice. Seventh grader, Trey Deaton came in third place. Thanks to the BCMS PTO for awarding the top three winners with cash and providing the refreshments for the reception following the Spelling Bee. Congratulations to all who participated and good luck to Tanner as he prepares for upcoming competitions.

*Judge Bush advised that the county attorney Mike Clark is working on contracts to be signed by all contractors certified to do electrical inspections in Bracken County. These contracts will be sent to Frankfort. Once all is in place for these contractors Tina Teegarden will begin working on a link on the county website for individuals building or doing construction to seek information regarding electric, water, septic, and etc.

*Clark Hennessey and County Attorney Mike Clark discussed with the court that Mason County Detention Center is developing a plan regarding having doctors and/or nurse practitioners on staff at the center to cut emergency room visits by inmates. Could greatly affect inmate medical costs incurred by the county.

*County Attorney Mike

Clark advised of constitution and Kentucky Statutes relating to County Constables, he reviewed with them the Resolution passed by fiscal court in December 2010 regarding use of radios and lights by the constable, and he reviews county liabilities regarding constables. County Attorney Mike Clark stated that legislation can limit their duties statewide and/or put the issue on the ballot during elections to abolish the office of constable altogether.

*County Attorney Mike Clark asked Tina Teegarden to get him the money received from the Circuit Clerk regarding jail and fine payments over the last few months. He would like to see if it has increased and to what degree since the new District Judge has been sitting on the bench in Bracken County.

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